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HEAVENS! THE  
CREATURE... IT'S  
NOT OF THIS  
WORLD!

WHERE DID THIS  
STRANGE DOG COME  
FROM... OR WAS IT  
A DOG? SEE THE  
THRILLING ANSWER  
YOURSELF, IN...  
**"THE STRAY!"**

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THERE WAS SOMETHING STRANGE ABOUT THE ANIMAL, RIGHT FROM THE START! STILL, THEY NEVER DREAMED THAT THE ENTIRE PATTERN OF THEIR LIVES WOULD CHANGE WITH THE ARRIVAL OF...

# THE STRAY!



WELL, DOCTOR, WHAT DO YOU MAKE OF HIM?

I'M NOT SURE! IT'S... STRANGE! IN ALL OF MY THIRTY YEARS OF PRACTICE, I'VE NEVER SEEN ITS EQUAL!

**STORY:**  
GREG OLIVETTI  
**ART:**  
AL WILLIAMSON

IT HAPPENED LATE ONE NIGHT, WHEN JOE AND HELEN GREEN WERE AWAKENED FROM SLEEP...

BUT WHEN THEY INVESTIGATED, ONLY THE LONELY COUNTRYSIDE AWAITED THEM...

EARLY THE NEXT MORNING, THEY HEARD THE BARKING...

**BAR-ROOM!**

THAT'S FUNNY! IT'S AS QUIET AS CAN BE!

IT MIGHT HAVE BEEN A TRUCK BACKFIRING OUT ON THE STATE HIGHWAY! MIGHT AS WELL GO BACK TO SLEEP!

CAN THAT BE A DOG?

IT SURE SOUNDS LIKE ONE! ONLY WHOSE WOULD IT BE? WE HAVEN'T A NEIGHBOR FOR MILES!





MOMENTS LATER...

IT'S A DOG ALL RIGHT,  
BUT WHAT KIND? ISN'T  
HE STRANGE-LOOKING?

THAT'S FOR SURE,  
BUT HE LOOKS FRIENDLY  
ENOUGH! HI, THERE,  
FELLA---YOU  
HUNGRY?

MAYBE WE OUGHTA  
KEEP HIM! LITTLE JOE'S  
BEEN ASKING FOR A  
DOG! I THINK THEY'D  
BECOME REGULAR  
PALS!

BUT IT'S A STRAY,  
JOE! I DON'T THINK WE  
SHOULD TAKE THE CHANCE  
---NOT KNOWING A  
THING ABOUT HIM  
AND ALL---

SUDDENLY A NOTICEABLE CHANGE SWEEPED OVER THE  
ANIMAL---

SOMETHING'S GOT  
HIM GOING! HE  
LOOKS ALL  
UPSET!

B...BE CAREFUL, DARLING!  
DON'T GO NEAR HIM! HE  
MIGHT BE DANGEROUS!

HE'S RUNNING TO THE  
BACK! COME ON,  
HELEN!

GRRRRRRRR!

BUT WHEN THEY  
ROUNDED THE  
CORNER OF  
THE BUILDING---

JOE---LOOK!  
LITTLE  
JOE!

GOOD HEAVENS  
... NO!



THE FRESHLY-DUG PIT, THE SMALL BOY TOTTERING TOWARD THE VERY EDGE, HAD ALL THE EARMARKS OF IMPENDING TRAGEDY... BUT IN THE NEXT MOMENT...



WHAAAA!

GROWRRR!

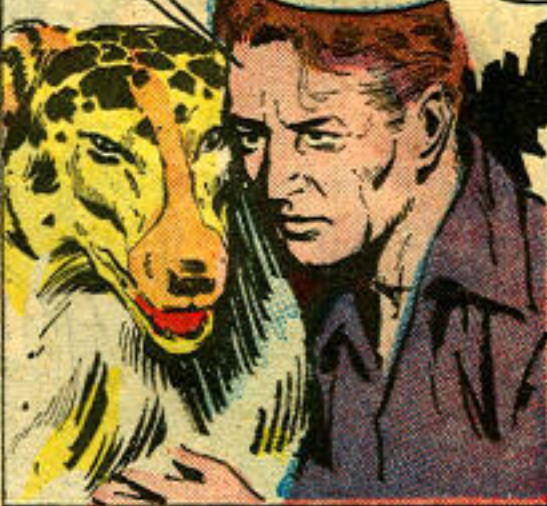
I MEANT TO FILL THAT HOLE IN AFTER THE PIPES WERE LAID! I NEVER SHOULD HAVE WAITED!

ANOTHER SECOND, THAT'S ALL IT WOULD HAVE TAKEN! IF IT WEREN'T FOR THE DOG IT MIGHT'VE---I CAN'T EVEN SAY IT!



HE KNEW SOMETHING WAS WRONG! HE SENSED IT! IT'S ALL PRETTY INCREDIBLE!

I'M NOT GOING TO TRY AND FIGURE IT OUT! ALL I KNOW IS THAT HE SAVED LITTLE JOE'S LIFE! HE'S GOING TO STAY!



WITHIN A WEEK THE DOG SEEMED TO HAVE ADJUSTED COMPLETELY TO ITS NEW HOME, BUT IT WAS A WEEK FOLLOWING WHEN THE SECOND STRANGE OCCURRENCE TOOK PLACE! JOE GREEN HAD JUST COME HOME FROM WORK AND...



EASY, FELLA, NO FRISKY PLAYING TONIGHT! I'M TOO BUSHED! ALL I WANT TO DO IS TO RELAX BEFORE DINNER!

BUT JOE HAD SCARCELY SETTLED DOWN IN HIS FAVORITE CHAIR WHEN...



WELL, THIS BEATS EVERYTHING! HE'S BRINGING ME MY SLIPPERS! HOW ABOUT THAT!

AND LATER, WHEN DINNER WAS SERVED...



THAT'S A PRETTY CUTE TRICK, HELEN---TEACHING THE DOG TO BRING ME MY SLIPPERS!

ME! I HAVEN'T TAUGHT HIM ANYTHING!

BUT HE DID BRING THEM, HELEN! I HAPPENED TO SAY I WAS TIRED! IT'S AS IF HE UNDERSTOOD EVERY WORD!



YOU'RE JUMPING TO CONCLUSIONS! HE MUST HAVE BEEN TAUGHT THE TRICK BY HIS PREVIOUS MASTER! IF ANYTHING, HE'S SHOWING OFF!



HELEN'S EXPLANATION SOUNDED PLAUSIBLE ENOUGH, BUT SEVERAL DAYS LATER, AS THEY WERE ABOUT TO LEAVE FOR TOWN...

WHAT IS IT, JOE? DID YOU LOSE SOMETHING?

THE CAR KEYS! I MUST HAVE LEFT THEM ON MY DESK! I'LL GO GET THEM!

BUT SUDDENLY...

LOOK, JOE, THE KEYS! HE'S GOT THEM IN HIS MOUTH!

THAT SETTLES IT! I'M GOING TO FIND OUT ABOUT THAT DOG, AND TODAY!

THAT SAME AFTERNOON, JOE GREEN BROUGHT THE DOG TO DOCTOR FABER, A VETERINARIAN WITH MANY YEARS OF EXPERIENCE...

...AND THAT'S THE STORY, DOCTOR, ALL OF IT ---UNBELIEVABLE AS IT SOUNDS!

IT'S STRANGE, ALL RIGHT, AND THERE'S SOMETHING ELSE TOO---

I CAN'T PLACE THE BREED! OF COURSE, HE'S A MIXTURE NO DOUBT, BUT ONE STRAIN USUALLY PREDOMINATES --- BUT NOT HERE! I WOULDN'T EVEN BEGIN TO GUESS HIS ORIGIN!

MY SUGGESTION IS THAT YOU LEAVE HIM HERE FOR A FEW DAYS! I'D LIKE TO RUN SOME EXTENSIVE TESTS! I CAN HAVE A REPORT FOR YOU BEFORE THE WEEK'S OUT!

GOOD ENOUGH, DOCTOR! CALL US ANYTIME!

ON THE EVENING OF THE THIRD DAY, DOCTOR FABER PHONED THE GREENS! HIS VOICE CRACKLED WITH TENSION...

YOU DON'T MEAN THAT, DOCTOR! IT'S SOME SORT OF JOKE!

FAR FROM IT, MR. GREEN! EXPECT US AT YOUR PLACE INSIDE THE HOUR!

WHAT IS IT, JOE? WHAT'S HAPPENED?

I'M NOT SURE! DOCTOR FABER WASN'T EXACTLY CLEAR, BUT HE HAS SOMETHING IMPORTANT TO REPORT! HE'S COMING RIGHT OVER---AND HE'S BRINGING **TWO** GOVERNMENT INVESTIGATORS WITH HIM!



AND WHEN THE DOCTOR AND THE AGENTS ARRIVED...

AS CAREFULLY AS HE COULD, JOE GREEN REPEATED THE EVENTS WHICH LED TO THE DOG'S ARRIVAL...

I'M STILL UP IN THE AIR, DOCTOR--AND HOW COME THE GOVERNMENT'S STEPPING IN?

TIME ENOUGH FOR THAT, MR. GREEN! BUT FIRST WE WANT TO HEAR EXACTLY HOW THIS DOG CAME INTO YOUR POSSESSION--AND DON'T SPARE A SINGLE DETAIL!

...AND THAT'S IT, GENTLEMEN! THEN WHEN THE DOG SEEMED TO READ OUR MINDS, WELL--THEN I BROUGHT HIM OVER TO THE DOC'S!

THANKS, MR. GREEN! NOW WE'D LIKE TO SEARCH THE SURROUNDING AREA!

AFTER THE AGENTS HAD LEFT...

WHY'D YOU CALL THEM IN? WHAT'S GOING ON AROUND HERE?

PLENTY! I RAN THOSE TESTS I TOLD YOU ABOUT, AND THEN I TOOK A SERIES OF X-RAYS! I NEVER SAW ANYTHING LIKE IT BEFORE! COME, TAKE A LOOK FOR YOURSELF!

I'VE BEEN A PRACTICING VET FOR THIRTY YEARS, AND I'VE NEVER COME ACROSS A DOG WITH A HEART ORGAN SHAPED LIKE AN ACCORDION OR A BRAIN MASS THE SIZE OF THIS ONE!

GOLLY! IT DOES LOOK MIGHTY QUEER!

IT'S MORE THAN THAT, MR. GREEN! THIS DOG IS NOT OF ANY EARTHLY BREED! IN SIMPLE LANGUAGE, HE'S FROM A WORLD OUTSIDE OUR OWN, AND I'M READY TO STAKE MY REPUTATION ON IT!

ANOTHER WORLD! IMPOSSIBLE!

NOT AT ALL IMPOSSIBLE, MR. GREEN, AND I THINK OUR GEIGER COUNTER FOUND THE PROOF IN YOUR NEIGHBORING FIELD!

WHAT KIND OF PROOF? THAT CHARGED SHELL YOU'RE HOLDING?

EXACTLY, SIR! THE METAL IS RADIOACTIVE, AND WITHOUT A TEST I'D SAY IT WAS A METAL WE WOULDN'T FIND ON EARTH! IN MY OPINION, IT WAS SOME KIND OF A MISSILE, AND IT CARRIED A PASSENGER! THAT PASSENGER, MR. GREEN, WAS YOUR DOG!

WHAT!

CLICK CLICK  
CLICK



AND THAT **EXPLOSION** YOU HEARD, THE NIGHT BEFORE THE DOG SHOWED UP! THAT'S WHEN THE **MISSILE** ENTERED OUR **ATMOSPHERE**! AFTERWARDS, BY SOME SORT OF **MECHANISM**, THE DOG WAS SET LOOSE AND BROUGHT SAFELY TO EARTH...FROM THERE HE FOUND HIS WAY TO YOUR DOOR!

A DOG FROM OUTER SPACE! AM I TO SWALLOW THAT?

IS IT SO EXTRAORDINARY? REMEMBER, MR. GREEN, MAN HAS ALREADY PUT ONE DOG INTO SPACE! WHY COULDN'T SOME OTHER FORM OF LIFE, ON SOME OTHER PLANET, DO THE SAME? AND BETTER YET, LAND ONE HERE!

THAT'S RIGHT! ...IT IS... POSSIBLE...

THERE'S SOMETHING ELSE! THIS DOG CAN READ OUR THOUGHTS! HE'S DONE IT AGAIN AND AGAIN! IF THE DOG IS SO SMART, WHAT WOULD HIS **MASTERS** BE LIKE?

THAT'S IT, MR. GREEN! WE'VE BEEN THINKING EXACTLY THE SAME THING!

BUT GUESSING WON'T GET US ANYWHERE! WE'RE RETURNING THE DOG TO YOU, BUT WE'RE GOING TO KEEP A WATCH! WE FIGURE IF THE DOG CAME HERE, THEY MIGHT ONE DAY BE COMING AFTER IT! DO YOU MIND STICKING YOUR NECK OUT THIS WAY?

NO! BESIDES, I'M FOND OF THE DOG!

SLOWLY THE DAYS PASS, AND WHEN THE NIGHT IS FILLED WITH STARS...

HOW ABOUT IT, FELLA, ARE THEY GOING TO COME AFTER YOU SOME DAY? ARE YOU WAITING, WAITING IMPATIENTLY?

I WAS WORRIED AT FIRST--I MEAN ABOUT YOUR **MASTERS**, THE KIND OF CREATURES THEY MIGHT BE! ONLY I'M NOT WORRIED ANY MORE! IF THEY'RE ANYTHING LIKE YOU, FELLA, THEY'D HAVE TO BE **PRETTY WONDERFUL**!



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# The MASTER of TIME



IT WAS AT THE END OF THE 17TH CENTURY THAT **DR. TALIGARI** FIRST APPEARED AT THE COURTS OF EUROPE! HIS SKILL AS AN ALCHEMIST AMAZED EVERYONE...

FASCINATING! HE HAS CREATED A NUGGET OF GOLD OUT OF PLAIN STONES!



THIS WAS NO MERE CHARLATAN! FOR THE MYSTERIOUS DOCTOR, WITH A WAVE OF THE HAND, COULD HEAL THE SICK AND MAKE THE LAME WALK!



NO ONE KNEW FROM WHENCE TALIGARI CAME! A THOUSAND RUMORS SPANG TO LIFE...BUT WHEN THEY QUESTIONED THE DOCTOR'S SERVANT--

MY GOOD MAN, IS IT **TRUE** THAT YOUR MASTER HAS WALKED THIS EARTH FOR MORE THAN THREE THOUSAND YEARS?

I CAN NOT TELL YOU FOR CERTAIN, SIGNORI...



BUT THE DOCTOR'S MYSTERIOUS POWERS SMACKED OF WITCHCRAFT TO THE SUPERSTITIOUS PEOPLE OF HIS DAY! AND ONE DAY AN ANGRY MOB SET FIRE TO TALIGARI'S RESIDENCE...



HE NEVER EMERGED! THE HOUSE WAS BURNED TO THE GROUND, BUT THEY FOUND NARY A TRACE OF DR. TALIGARI IN THE ASHES!



WAS HE? OR WAS HE THE **GREATEST MAN THE WORLD HAS EVER KNOWN?** WE'LL NEVER BE ABLE TO ANSWER THAT QUESTION NOW!

THE END!



ITS SOURCE OF POWER WAS AS OLD AS HISTORY, AND FROM ITS GLITTERING INNER DEPTHS THERE CAME MESSAGES OF STARTLING TRUTH! ALL WHO KNEW IT CAME TO RESPECT THE STRANGE POWER OF---

# The ORACLE STONE!



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ART: JON DIEHL

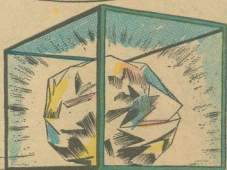
EARLY ONE EVENING, IN A SUMMER COTTAGE OCCUPIED BY A YOUNG MUSEUM CURATOR AND HIS WIFE---

IS IT REALLY SO IMPORTANT, DEAR? TO ME, IT LOOKS LIKE A PIECE OF ORDINARY QUARTZ!

IT IS QUARTZ... BUT IT'S FAR FROM ORDINARY!



HISTORY CALLS IT THE **ORACLE STONE**! THIS LUMP OF QUARTZ, AS YOU CALL IT, HAS STIRRED UP ENOUGH CONTROVERSY TO FILL A DOZEN BOOKS!





IT ALL BEGAN IN ANCIENT GREECE,  
WHEN A SHEPHERD SOUGHT A  
STRAY LAMB IN A MOUNTAIN CAVE...

BUT AS HE PICKED UP THE STRAY,  
HIS GAZE FELL UPON A CURIOUS  
PIECE OF JAGGED STONE...

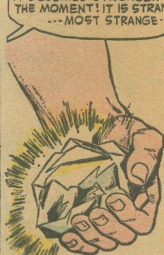
SEE HOW IT GLOWS, WITH THE  
WHITE HEAT OF A FLAME! AND  
IT BECOMES STRONGER BY  
THE MOMENT! IT IS STRANGE  
--- MOST STRANGE ---



AHA, THERE YOU  
ARE, LITTLE  
ONE!



IT'S ONE OF THE MOUNTAIN  
STONES, SAID TO BRING GOOD  
LUCK! AND IT HAS **ALREADY**,  
NOW THAT I HAVE FOUND  
MY LAMB!



THEN TWO STARTLING THINGS HAPPENED!  
SUDDENLY, THE STONE EMITTED A FLASH-  
ING LIGHT, STRONG AND INTENSE... AND  
THEN...

THE SHEPHERD FLED, AND JUST IN TIME!  
AN OMINOUS RUMBLE CAME FROM ABOVE...



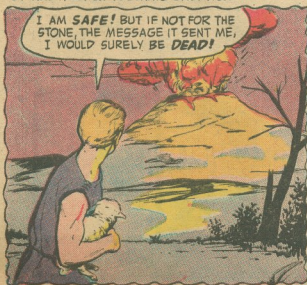
I... I CAN HEAR A MESSAGE,  
BUT THERE IS NO SOUND!  
STILL I HEAR IT... IT  
**SPEAKS!**

**FLEE!  
RUN FOR  
YOUR  
LIFE!**



THE MOUNTAIN  
GIANT AWAKENS!

IT WAS A FLASH VOLCANIC ERUPTION...



I AM **SAFE!** BUT IF NOT FOR THE  
STONE, THE MESSAGE IT SENT ME,  
I WOULD SURELY BE **DEAD!**

AND SO THAT'S  
HOW THE LEGEND  
OF THE **ORACLE  
STONE** BEGAN!

YES, BUT IT WAS ONLY  
THE BEGINNING! FATE  
HAD OTHER AND  
GREATER PLANS  
FOR IT...





WHEN **ALEXANDER THE GREAT** SET OUT TO CONQUER THE WORLD, IT WAS REPORTED THAT A STRANGE, GEM-LIKE STONE FELL INTO HIS HANDS! THERE IS A SCHOOL OF PRESENT DAY HISTORIANS WHO ARE CONVINCED THAT IT WAS THE VERY QUARTZ IN THIS CASE!



LATER, THAT SAME NIGHT, THE EMPEROR WAS AWAKENED BY A BLAZING LIGHT...



AGAIN, ALEXANDER, YOU HAVE BEEN FORTUNATE!

I OWE IT ALL TO THE **ORACLE STONE!** TWICE BEFORE IT HAS SAVED MY LIFE, AND NOW FOR THE THIRD TIME!



IT WENT WITH HIM EVERYWHERE, AND AT NIGHT, IN HIS BATTLE TENT, A SOLEMN RITUAL WAS ALWAYS PERFORMED...

RUMORS SPREAD THROUGH THE CAMP, MY EMPEROR! THERE IS TALK OF EVIL THINGS TO COME! THE MEN ARE FEARFUL!

I DO NOT FEAR! HANG THE STONE IN ITS PLACE AND DEPART!



The GUARDS DASHED FORWARD... IN TIME TO SEIZE...

THE DOGS! THEY WOULD KILL THE EMPEROR!

ANOTHER MINUTE WOULD HAVE BEEN TOO LATE!



BUT STILL IT'S ONLY A **LEGEND**, MARK!

HARDLY, CAROL... FOR HISTORY TELLS US MORE ABOUT THIS REMARKABLE PIECE OF QUARTZ! AFTER ALEXANDER'S DEATH, THE STONE DISAPPEARED, BUT ONLY TO TURN UP AGAIN, AND AT A MOST INTERESTING TIME!





IT WAS AT THE CLOSE OF THE 12TH CENTURY, AT THE TIME OF THE CRUSADES! KING RICHARD WAS IN THE HOLY LAND AND IT WAS DURING A LULL BETWEEN BATTLES...

IT IS A FABLE NO DOUBT, SIRE, BUT THEY SAY THIS STONE HAS REMARKABLE POWERS OF SOOTHSAYING! IT WAS GIVEN TO ONE OF OUR KNIGHTS BY AN OLD HOLY MAN!

A STONE THAT TELLS THE FUTURE? WHAT NONSENSE!

THEN YOU WISH ME TO DISPOSE OF IT, YOUR MAJESTY?

NO...IT AMUSES ME, AND IT HAS A PRETTY COLOR! I WILL TAKE IT BACK TO ENGLAND AS A KEEPSAKE!



BUT THAT NIGHT...

AM I SEEING THINGS, OR HAS THE STONE UNDERGONE SOME CHANGE? SEE HOW IT FLASHES...



A MESSAGE! IT TREMBLES WITHIN ME, AND IT COMES FROM THE STONE... A MESSAGE OF WARNING!

BEWARE! THE PLAINS! LOOK TO THE PLAINS!



HE WASTED NO TIME IN WONDERING! INSTEAD HE ACTED... QUICKLY...

RALLY ABOUT ME, MY KNIGHTS! TO THE PLAINS... ONWARD!



AND WHEN THEY REACHED THE PLAINS...

THE SARACEN HORDE!

THE STONE WAS RIGHT! THEY PLANNED TO ATTACK WHILE WE SLEPT! ONWARD, KNIGHTS... SCATTER THEM BEFORE THE WIND!



THEY TURN AND RUN! FORWARD, MEN... TO VICTORY!





AND SO THAT'S THE LEGEND BEHIND THE **ORACLE STONE**, THE MYSTERY OF THE AGES!

JUST ABOUT, CAROL, BUT THERE WERE **OTHER** INCIDENTS, TOO! ONE REPORT IS THAT IT CAME INTO THE POSSESSION OF NAPOLEON BONAPARTE AND THAT IT WARNED HIM OF THE DANGER AT WATERLOO! BUT HE WAS TOO STUBBORN TO BELIEVE IT, AND HIS DEFEAT FOLLOWED!



I'M NOT INSISTING THAT THE LEGEND SHOULD BE TAKEN **SERIOUSLY**, BUT ONE THING I **AM** SURE OF... THE MUSEUM WILL BE MIGHTY PROUD TO ADD THE **ORACLE STONE** TO ITS COLLECTION!

WELL, GET IT THERE **FAST**... I'VE HAD ABOUT ALL THE LEGEND I NEED! I EXPECT TO HEAR VOICES ANY MINUTE!

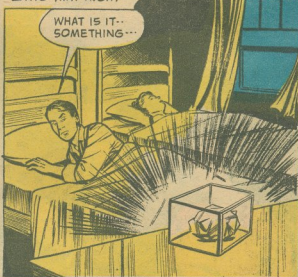


I'M SORRY, DARLING, BUT THE PLAN CALLED FOR MY PICKING UP THE STONE FROM A PRIVATE COLLECTOR IN BOSTON, AND I COULDN'T MAKE IT BACK TO THE MUSEUM BEFORE CLOSING TIME! ANYWAY, COME MONDAY MORNING, AND IT WILL BE GONE!



LATE THAT NIGHT...

WHAT IS IT... SOMETHING...



SUDDENLY, MARK WAS WIDE AWAKE...

THAT BLINDING LIGHT... IT'S THE **STONE**! IT'S SENDING A MESSAGE!

LEAVE WHILE THERE IS TIME! LEAVE AT ONCE!



WHAT IS IT, MARK? WHY DID YOU GET ME UP?

THERE'S A TERRIBLE STORM RAGING, AND THE **STONE** SENT A WARNING! WE'VE GOT TO LEAVE THE HOUSE... **HURRY!**



MOMENTS LATER...

BUT MARK... IT'S PROBABLY SAFER INSIDE!

NO! KEEP GOING! **DON'T STOP!**





THEN, TO THEIR SHOCK...



THE FOLLOWING DAY...



YOUR BED FACED THE LIGHTHOUSE OUT ON THE BREAKWATER! WHAT YOU SAW WAS THE LIGHT FROM ITS BEACON! FORTUNATELY, IT GOT YOU UP!

THAT'S RIGHT! I FORGOT ALL ABOUT THE LIGHTHOUSE!



OF COURSE YOU DID, BUT I CAN'T BLAME YOU FOR WANTING TO GIVE THE **STONE** CREDIT! I GUESS WE ALL WANT TO BELIEVE IN LEGENDS, EVEN IF WE **DO** KNOW BETTER!

I SUPPOSE SO...



BUT AT THE SAME MOMENT, IN THE LIGHTHOUSE OFF SHORE...A REPAIR TEAM WENT ABOUT ITS JOB...

LUCKY THING NOTHING HAPPENED LAST NIGHT, WITH THAT STORM COMING UP LIKE IT DID!

AND WITH THIS LIGHT CONKING OUT JUST BEFORE THE STORM STARTED! WHAT A TIME TO BE IN THE **DARK!**



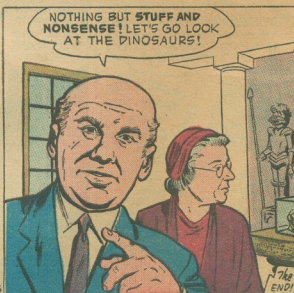
AND WHEN SPECTATORS STOP TO STARE AT A STRANGE-LOOKING STONE IN THE MUSEUM'S COLLECTION...

IT'S CALLED THE **ORACLE STONE, HENRY!** IT'S SUPPOSEDLY ABLE TO SEND MESSAGES-THAT IS, ACCORDING TO THE **LEGEND!**

BAH!



NOTHING BUT **STUFF AND NONSENSE!** LET'S GO LOOK AT THE DINOSAURS!



THE END!



# From **YOUR EDITOR-** to **YOU!**

Hi, all you fans of "Forbidden Worlds"! This time we're not starting off with a biography of one of our writers or artists. The reason? Only because we want to know from you how much you desire such information. If it means much to you, we'll be happy to continue this service. Otherwise, if you feel that you'd rather we use the additional space for reader letters, we'll be glad to oblige. Let us hear from you—and tell us how you like or dislike any of the things we may be doing. Address your letter to The Editor, "Forbidden Worlds", 347 Fifth Avenue, New York 16, N. Y. And now for a few selected messages from our correspondents!

"Dear Editor:—

I have just finished reading 'Forbidden Worlds' No. 73, and I just had to write you about Ogden Whitney. Never in all my days of reading comics have I run across such an artist! The story I read by him was 'Herbie's Quiet Saturday Afternoon'—you should have more stories like that one. I've been reading 'From Your Editor To You' and a lot of people have been writing to you about 'There's A New Moon Tonight'. I did not get to read this, but I know if that many people wrote in, it must have been super. As for me, I'll just say that if you keep artists like Ogden Whitney, I'll always be one of your readers.

—Eddie Baggett, Johnson City, Tenn."

Ogden Whitney's always been a fine illustrator. Watch for the work of one of our newer artists, John Buscema—we think you will go for him, too!

"Dear Editor:—

This is the second letter I ever wrote to a magazine. My first letter was also to 'Forbidden Worlds', but you didn't print it! All kidding aside, I really think your magazine deserved both of my letters and the dough which I spend buying them. The only magazines which I do collect are 'Mad' for its laughs and 'Forbidden Worlds' for its fiction. Oh, by the way, maybe it would be nice if you would print this, but we'll see. A loyal reader—

—George Fisher, New York, N. Y."

Okay, George—we printed it! Glad you like our stories!

"Dear Editor:—

Earthlings aren't the only ones who enjoy 'Forbidden Worlds'—we do too! We received our first copy on the first Explorer satellite, and since then have been receiving copies regularly by the 'Satellite Express'. But since we get only one copy of each issue, it isn't enough to go all around Mars. So we are asking you earthmen to send up

more 'moons'—with many copies of 'Forbidden Worlds' in each one. Please! And I'm sure that the Saturnians and Venusians would like your magazine as much as we do! This is Krowax, from Mars, signing out . . . Roger Wilco!

—Krowax. Mars 1631, Mars."

How's everything up on your planet, Krowax? Maybe we might arrange to get out a special edition for you—all Earth stories!

"Dear Editor:—

For the first time in my life, I read 'Forbidden Worlds', and I can't see where it was so wonderful. I think that if No. 72 for November is an example of your work all year around, it is a very poor one. I thought that 'Dr. Martin's Marvelous Museum' was more suited for romance books than science fiction. It was too mushy and slow-moving. Also, I thought 'The Strange Ones' was idiotic. It started out very nicely, but I lost interest about halfway through. However, I did enjoy 'The Ironclad Will' a little, but this one, too, had a hearts and flowers complex. But I did think that 'Call In The Night' was okay. Have more on that order and you will get my applause too. I did enjoy 'From Your Editor To You', and agreed with what you said to Gus. I am going to buy your December issue just to see if you've improved. I hope you do, because I enjoy science fiction.

—Mrs. G. Breeding, Farmington, Mich."

Gosh, Mrs. Breeding, can't we do anything right? We want to give all our readers the very best in story, but you're tough to please. We thought the Dr. Martin yarn had it all the way—and that "Call In The Night" was pretty weak!

"Dear Editor:—

I am not one for writing letters, but I just had to write you and give praise on one of the best stories I have ever read. I'm talking about 'A Highly Localized Snowfall' in 'Forbidden Worlds' No. 74. I even rate it above 'There's A New Moon Tonight', which I liked very much. Both were great jobs! For all I care, Rick Eskola and Joe Sprague can buy blank paper, but I'll stick to 'Forbidden Worlds'!

—Don Killian, Cleveland, Ohio."

Funny about that "Highly Localized Snowfall" story. It started out as a much longer plot and went so far that it just had to be cut down! But we feel that even this cut version packed a lot of punch!

"Dear Editor:—

I must admit I love 'Forbidden Worlds'. I've been reading science fiction ever since



I could read. I also love 'From Your Editor To You'. I'm a fast reader, and as I read, I can imagine the story as if I were in it. I can enter the imaginary world the story describes, and even if the story seems poor, I go ahead and read it all anyway. Being a fast reader has its drawbacks. I love the comic and want to read fast to see what happens, yet wish it could last a long time. I've just finished your No. 70 issue—it was great! 'Death Of A Ghost' was far-fetched, yet possible, for we know nothing of other worlds. I think it should have been featured on the cover. 'Beyond The Reach of Time' was good, and 'Dr. Falsom's Discovery' is what I really call true science fiction. I wish you would print more stories of the future and space travel. And if you'd make your drawings of other worlds stem from science discoveries and theories, your stories would be all the more interesting and fun to read. But despite crackpots and flaws, 'Forbidden Worlds' represents American fantasy at its peak. Please keep up the wonderful work. A loyal and faithful reader—  
—Ronald Lambert, Royal Oak, Mich."

*You're strictly a science fiction fan, Ronald, and it's a fascinating field. But don't overlook the fact that we also delve deeply into supernatural and amazing themes!*

"Dear Editor:—

We've read your comics, both 'Forbidden Worlds' and 'Adventures Into The Unknown' for many years. We have issues No. 13 and 32 and every one from 48 to 73 of 'Forbidden Worlds', as well as issues No. 60 to 101 as well as a few old issues of 'Adventures Into The Unknown'. Also, a subscription to 'Forbidden Worlds'. We read your comics just so that after we get done reading them and pick up another comic, it makes the other comic look good. 5 to 1 you don't print this!

—Dale Anderson & Larry Palmerson,  
Rockford, Ill."

*Whom are you kidding, fellas? From what you say, you must have almost a hundred of our issues, as well as a subscription. That's a pretty expensive way of making some other comic look good!*

"Dear Editor:—

You've outdone yourselves! Your other magazine, 'Adventures Into The Unknown', is even better than 'Forbidden Worlds'. You have too many space travel stories. I've read so many tales dealing with alien invasions and they all have the same plot. Why not give your readers something different? 'Head Man' was the only space story that I really liked. I love stories that have to do with the human mind and I wish you'd have more of them. You deserve praise for your excellent art work and your fine feature, 'Annals Of The Occult', but outside of that, you've rather been slacking off.

—Stephen Klips, Westbury, N. Y."

*We can't entirely agree with you, Stephen. We run one space travel story per issue as*

*a general rule, and this goes for both our magazines. You're dead right about alien invasion yarns with similar plots, but we're working hard to overcome this sort of thing. We can't do away with the alien invasion theme, since that's the ever-present menace of space—but the circumstances and framework should be as different as possible. About slacking off—we sincerely hope you're wrong!*

"Dear Editor:—

Wonderful magazine! How does one get a subscription? I can't always find 'Forbidden Worlds' on the newsstands, and hate to miss it!

—Janet Goodman, Redlands, Calif."

*It's not difficult, Janet: \$1.20, sent to us at the same address as your letter, will bring you a 12-issue subscription. Thanks for liking our magazine!*

"Dear Editor:—

I've just finished reading No. 74 of 'Forbidden Worlds' and think it's great. 'A Highly Localized Snowfall' is the most! I've been buying your magazine off and on, but now I think I'm going to go steady with it! As far as that letter from Rick Eskola and Joe Sprague goes, I can say only one thing—they're nuts! Anybody who doesn't like 'Forbidden Worlds' ought to have his head examined. It's the best comic you can buy!

—Lee Blanchard, New Orleans, La."

*We agree with you, Lee, but some people might say we were biased!*

"Dear Editor:—

Gosh, fella, I hate to rake you over the coals, because I really thought you were infallible. But in your issue No. 73, not one story was worth the paper it was printed on. However, 'Forbidden Worlds' No. 74 sure fixed things up. Every story was a masterpiece. 'A Highly Localized Snowfall' really lived up to the maxim on your cover—'Stories Of Strange Adventure'. 'The Second Visit' was excellent and a good example of John R's work. 'Past, Present and Future' was very good and that was the first time I noticed Paul Reinman's signature. By the way, Rick Eskola and Joe Sprague, by saying they have more fun reading blank paper, show the mentality level of the guys who brickbat you.

—Chuck Swanland, Norwood, Pa."

*You've said some nice things, Chuck—but you sank a dagger in our hearts when you rapped No. 73! That one featured 'Herbie's Quiet Saturday Afternoon' and 'Thanksgiving Day', among others—and we feel these two were as fine stories as have come along in many months! Who's right, readers—and who's wrong?*



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MANY ARE THE LEGENDS THAT COME FROM THE SEA! HERE'S A LITTLE-KNOWN ONE THAT'LL MAKE YOU GASP! IT'S THE CENTURIES-OLD STORY OF...

# The FLAMING PHANTOM!



STORY: SHANE O'SHEA

ART: AL WENZEL

LET'S TAKE A LOOK AT **BLOCK ISLAND**! THERE IT IS---JUST AN ORDINARY ISLAND, KNOWN FOR ITS FINE FISHING AND AS A MODERN VACATION SPOT FOR FOLKS WHO WANT TO GET AWAY FROM IT ALL! YOU'D NEVER THINK THAT FROM THIS POINT OF LAND COMES ONE OF THE STRANGEST STORIES YOU'VE EVER HEARD---



IT'S THE STORY OF A **GHOST SHIP**...WHOSE EXISTENCE HAS BEEN SWORN TO FOR OVER TWO HUNDRED YEARS! COME ON OVER TO THE ISLAND WITH US, SO WE CAN HEAR WHAT THE NATIVES HAVE TO SAY ABOUT IT...

OH, YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT THE **PALATINE**...THE CRAFT THAT WAS DOOMED TO SAIL FOREVER THROUGH BLOCK ISLAND SOUND! WHY NOT CALL ON OLD MRS. EDWARDS FOR THE DETAILS? SHE'S SEEN IT HERSELF, AND SHE CAN GIVE YOU THE **REAL** LOWDOWN!

GENE  
STOR





EH? THE **PALATINE**, YOU SAY?  
YES, I SAW HER, ALL RIGHT! IT WAS  
OVER 80 YEARS AGO---BUT I STILL  
REMEMBER IT AS IF IT WERE  
YESTERDAY!



"I WAS JUST A KID AT THE TIME, AND I REMEMBER  
BEING WAKENED BY EXCITED VOICES FROM BELOW---"

THERE--- THERE'S A FUNNY  
SORT OF LIGHT IN THE  
ROOM---



"WONDERINGLY, I WENT TO THE WINDOW, WHICH FACED THE  
SEA! I LOOKED OUT---AND I'LL NEVER FORGET WHAT I SAW!  
THERE SHE WAS, SPEEDING STRAIGHT TOWARDS ME---AND  
**AFLEAME**, EVERY INCH OF HER!"

G-GOLLY!



BUT MUMMY,  
I **SAW** IT---  
AND IT WAS  
ON FIRE---

**SH-HH!** LET'S---LET'S  
JUST SAY YOU HAD A BAD  
DREAM, DARLING! NOW  
GO BACK TO SLEEP  
AND TRY TO FOR-  
GET IT!



BUT I'VE **NEVER**  
FORGOTTEN IT! I ASKED  
QUESTIONS, AND I LEARNED  
THE STORY OF THE  
**PALATINE!** I FOUND  
OUT THAT IT HAD BEEN  
APPEARING FOR CENTURIES,  
JUST AS I SAW IT---

COULD YOU  
TELL US THE  
STORY,  
PLEASE?



"**WELL**---IT STARTED IN 1732, WHEN THE **PALATINE**  
SAILED FOR PHILADELPHIA FROM HOLLAND! ABOARD  
WERE A SHIPLOAD OF RICH DUTCH FAMILIES, HEADED  
FOR A NEW HOME IN AMERICA! THE NIGHT BEFORE  
THEY EMBARKED, THERE WAS A MERRY PARTY AT A  
DOCKSIDE TAVERN---"

HERE'S TO A LUCKY,  
HAPPY VOYAGE FOR  
ALL OF US!





A LUCKY, HAPPY VOYAGE...HOW I WISH I WERE GOING WITH THEM!

AH, BUT YOU MIGHT BE WISHING YOUR LIFE AWAY! MAYBE IT **WON'T** BE LUCKY AND HAPPY, AS HE SAID...

"THE MAN WAS DIM-WITTED, STRANGE...BUT IT WAS SAID THAT HE HAD THE GIFT OF **PROPHECY!** NOW HE SPOKE..."

...BECAUSE THERE'S SOMETHING THAT TELLS ME THAT THEIR VOYAGE IS **CURSED!** AYE... BECAUSE THERE'S **EVIL ABOARD...**

"YES, THERE WAS EVIL ABOARD...THE VOYAGE PROVED THAT! EVIL IN THE PERSON OF CAPTAIN VAN HOFFEN... ONE OF THE CRUELEST MASTERS EVER TO SAIL THE SEAS..."

I'M **SICK** OF THIS VOYAGE! WE STARVE...EAT ROTTEN FARE...AND ARE WORKED TO DEATH! I'M NOT GOING TO STAND IT ANY LONGER!

WE'RE WITH YOU...IF YOU'VE GOT COURAGE ENOUGH TO SPEAK UP TO THE CAPTAIN FOR ALL OF US!

'BUT WHEN THE SPOKESMAN GIRDLED HIS COURAGE AND SPOKE..."

TAKE **THAT!**...

HAVE HIM LASHED AND THROWN IN IRONS...AND SEE THAT THE CREW'S RATIONS ARE **CUT** FOR THEIR INSOLENCE!

"THINGS GREW WORSE FOR THE UNFORTUNATE CREW...AND FINALLY, OPEN REBELLION FLARED! IT WAS OFF THE RHODE ISLAND COAST, AS A BLIZZARD RAGED..."

EVEN THE OFFICERS CAN'T STAND YOUR CRUELTY...THEY'VE JOINED US! YOU CAN KEEP THE **PALATINE**, CAPTAIN VAN HOFFEN...AND HER PASSENGERS...BUT WE'RE **LEAVING!**

SHE'LL FOUNDER WITHOUT A CREW, THAT'S SURE...

NO, WE'RE NOT FAR FROM LAND! LET THE SNOW CEASE AND HELL BE ABLE TO FIND A NEARBY HARBOR... CURSE HIM!

"THE WILD HOURS PASSED AS THE STORM INCREASED! ABOARD THE **PALATINE**..."

WHAT ARE WE GOING TO **DO?**

IF...IF I CAN ONLY FIND SOME PORT! WE'RE RIGHT OFF LAND I KNOW IT...I CAN HEAR THE POUNDING OF THE SURF! BUT I'D NEED A LIGHT TO GUIDE ME IN...



"THEY DIDN'T KNOW IT, BUT THEY WERE PASSING **BLOCK ISLAND!** AND FROM THE SHORE--"

A SHIP, AND SHE LOOKS LIKE SHE'S IN TROUBLE! THAT'S TOO BAD--FOR HER! **WE CAN USE HER CARGO!**

WE'LL WORK IT THE USUAL WAY! SET OUT A LANTERN ON THE ROCKS OFF SANDY POINT!

RIGHT--AND I'LL TIP OFF THE BOYS TO BE READY!

**LOOK--A LIGHT!** IT CAN'T BE ANYTHING BUT AN ANCHORAGE--**I'LL STEER FOR IT!**

WHAT A STROKE OF **LUCK!**

"IT WAS DECEMBER 26<sup>TH</sup>, 1732--THE DAY AFTER CHRISTMAS--BUT TO THE **PALATINE** AND HER PASSENGERS, IT WAS A DAY OF **DOOM!**"

**CR-RASH!**

"IT WAS A TERRIBLE SCENE--VAINLY, THE PASSENGERS TRIED TO SAVE THEMSELVES, SWIM THROUGH THE ICY SURF--"

**HELP!**

"MEANWHILE, THE WRECKERS HAD ARRIVED! THEY PAID NO ATTENTION TO THE CRIES FOR AID--THEY CARED ONLY FOR **LOOT--**"

AYE, SHE'S A RICH PRIZE FOR US!

A FEW MORE JOBS LIKE THIS AND OUR FORTUNES WILL BE MADE!

WE GOT WHAT WE WERE AFTER, MARTIN! SHALL WE LEAVE HER TO POUND TO PIECES ON THE ROCKS HERE?

NO! IN CASE SHE DOESN'T GO DOWN, THERE MIGHT BE EMBARRASSING QUESTIONS ASKED LATER! **PUT A TORCH TO HER!**



"AS THE FLAMES SWEEP HER HULK, A SHUDDER RAN THROUGH THE **PALATINE**! SUDDENLY SHE SLIPPED FROM THE REEF... AND HEADED FOR THE OPEN SEA!"



"VERY OFTEN, SINCE THAT DISTANT DAY, PEOPLE HAVE REPORTED SEEING THE OLD CRAFT, STILL AFIRE... STILL SAILING THE SEAS..."

LOOK!

IT'S AN OLD SAILING VESSEL... BURNING!

IT'S A MIRAGE OF SOME KIND... IT'S GOT TO BE!



"THE LEGEND HAS GROWN, GROWN...UNTIL IT'S ACCEPTED BY MANY..."

I SAW IT MYSELF! JUST LAST YEAR, IT WAS...

THE **PALATINE**? NEVER SEEN IT MYSELF, BUT IT'S TRUE, ALL RIGHT! HAD AN OLD UNCLE WHO SAW HER!

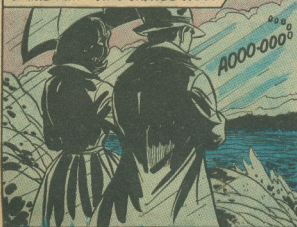
SURE I SEEN HER, SAILIN' IN AND BURNIN'! BELIEVE ME, I'VE BEEN STAYIN' HOME NIGHTS EVER SINCE!



"AND IF IT'S HISTORIC FACT YOU WANT, FOUR OF THE SURVIVORS OF THE WRECK DIED AT THE HOME OF ONE OF OUR PEOPLE HERE! YOU CAN STILL SEE THEIR GRAVES, MARKED BY CRUDE, WORN STONES..."



"IF IT SHOULD EVER HAPPEN THAT YOU'RE ON BLOCK ISLAND ON A BLACK, STORMY NIGHT, TURN TOWARDS THE SEA AND LISTEN! MAYBE THAT'S THE MOAN OF THE WIND... AND MAYBE NOT!"



"STARE OUT TO SEA...KEEP LOOKING! AND IF YOU SHOULD SEE AN OLD SAILING-SHIP, ITS SPARS OUTLINED IN FLAME, SCUDDING BEFORE THE TEMPEST...IT'LL BE THE **PALATINE**!"



THE END!



# QUEEN of URANUS

STORY:

THOMAS R. DREW

ART:

OGDEN WHITNEY



**POOR GWENDOLYN PURDY!** HER PUPILS LAUGHED AT HER... HER PRINCIPAL CRITICIZED HER... AND NO ONE ELSE SEEMED TO KNOW THAT SHE EXISTED! BUT STRANGE AS THE WORLD IS, THE UNIVERSE IS EVEN **STRANGER**... AND **ANYTHING** IS POSSIBLE WHEN ITS WEIRD VOYAGERS REACH THE EARTH!

DAY AFTER DAY, IT WAS THE SAME DULL ROUTINE FOR MISS PURDY—AND THE SAME BLEAK THOUGHTS—

I'VE ALWAYS HEARD THAT BEAUTY IS MERELY WHAT THE BEHOLDER SEES... BUT A LOT OF GOOD THAT DOES **ME!** WITH THIS HOMELY FACE OF MINE, THE ONLY PEOPLE WHO EVEN LOOK AT ME ARE MY PUPILS... AND THEY'RE **IMPOSSIBLE!**



YAAAAA! YOU'RE JUST AS STUCKUP AND FUNNY-LOOKIN' AS **MISS PURDY!**

**NO I AIN'T!**

TUT TUT, MARILYN! WE MUST WATCH OUR GRAMMAR!

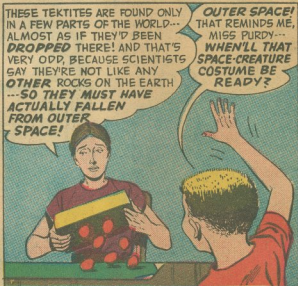
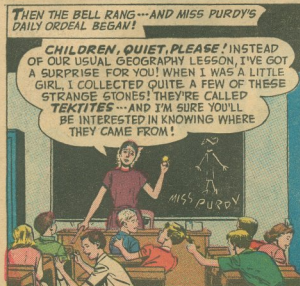


**STUCKUP! FUNNY-LOOK-ING!** OH, WHAT'S THE USE... THAT'S THE ONLY WAY I LOOK TO ANY-ONE!

OH, MISS PURDY! CAN YOU SPARE A MINUTE?









HOURS LATER---

I MUST HAVE DOZED OFF! OHH... WHAT'S HAPPENING TO THAT BOX OF TEKTTITES?



THE STONES ARE GLOWING BRIGHTER AND BRIGHTER! AND NOW...THERE'S A HUMMING NOISE RIGHT OUTSIDE THE WINDOW!



GWENDOLYN PURDY, THIS IS SIMPLY A CASE OF NERVES! YOU'RE IMAGINING THE WHOLE THING!



OHH!

WE ARE URANUS SUBJECTS! WE ARE FRIENDS!

YOU NOT BE AFRAID! YOU COME WITH US!



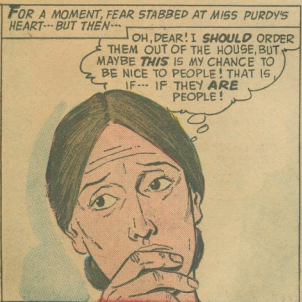
YOU WANT ME TO GO SOMEWHERE? BUT WHY PICK ON ME?

YOU BRING US HERE! YOU FRIEND! COME... KRYPTOS IS WAITING!



FOR A MOMENT, FEAR STABBED AT MISS PURDY'S HEART... BUT THEN---

OH, DEAR! I SHOULD ORDER THEM OUT OF THE HOUSE, BUT MAYBE THIS IS MY CHANCE TO BE NICE TO PEOPLE! THAT IS, IF... IF THEY ARE PEOPLE!



CAN YOU BLAME MISS PURDY FOR GIVING IN? AFTER ALL...HOW OFTEN DID ANYONE ASK HER TO GO SOMEWHERE?

THANK GOODNESS IT'S LATE! I'D SIMPLY DIE IF ANYONE SAW ME!





MINUTES LATER...AT A CIVIL DEFENSE PLANE-  
SPOTTING POST...

WHAT'S UP,  
MR. CANNON?  
GOT A FIX ON  
A PLANE?

NO...IT'S NOTHING! BUT  
FOR A SECOND I COULD HAVE  
SWORN I SAW THREE FIGURES...  
**WHIZZING THROUGH THE  
AIR!**

AND CRAZILY ENOUGH, **ONE**  
OF THEM WAS A DEAD RINGER  
FOR MISS PURDY! PURE  
IMAGINATION...BUT WHY  
SHOULD I BE  
THINKING  
ABOUT  
**HER?**

SOON AFTERWARD...SEVERAL  
MILES FROM TOWN...

**IT'S A SPACESHIP  
...HIDDEN IN THE  
OLD QUARRY!**

**NOW YOU  
WILL SEE  
KRYPTOS!**

**KRYPTOS!  
WE HAVE  
BROUGHT  
THE EARTH  
CREATURE!**

GOOD! I'VE SEEN  
ENOUGH OF THEIR  
HIDEOUS FACES ON  
OUR UNIVERSAL  
TELEVISION TO BE  
THOROUGHLY **SICK**  
OF THEM...**BUT DUTY**  
**IS DUTY!** I'VE GOT  
TO LEARN WHY **THIS**  
ONE GUIDED US  
HERE!

**WHAT!  
GREAT  
JUPITER  
...I CAN'T  
BELIEVE  
IT!**

THERE...JUST AS  
I THOUGHT! YOUR  
MESSENGERS MADE  
A MISTAKE...**THEY'VE  
BROUGHT YOU THE  
WRONG PERSON!**

NO...THEY CAME TO YOU BECAUSE  
**YOU** HAVE THE TEKTTITES! BUT  
YOU'RE NOT AT ALL LIKE THE  
REST OF THESE EARTH  
CREATURES!  
YOU'RE DIFFERENT  
...YOU'RE...**YOU'RE  
BEAUTIFUL!**

EVEN...  
EVEN WITH-  
OUT  
**MAKEUP?**

ALL I KNOW IS THAT YOUR  
FACE RADIATES BEAUTY! FOR  
CENTURIES, OUR UNIVERSAL  
TELEVISION SHOWED US FACES  
HERE ON EARTH THAT WERE HARD  
...SELFISH...EMPTY OF FEELING!  
AND NOW WHAT A MIRACLE THAT  
**I, KRYPTOS, OVERLORD OF  
URANUS, SHOULD BE LED  
TO YOU!**

YOU ACTUALLY  
MEAN **ME...**  
**GWENDOLYN  
PURDY?** BUT I  
...I DON'T UNDER-  
STAND! **HOW**  
WERE YOU LED  
TO ME?

YOUR EARTH SCIENTISTS HAVE CORRECTLY  
GUESSED THAT TEKTTITES COME FROM OUTER  
SPACE! WHAT THEY HAVE **NOT** REALIZED IS  
**WHY** THESE STONES ARE FOUND ONLY IN  
**DESERTED AREAS** OF THE EARTH! **WE**  
SENT THOSE TEKTTITES THROUGH SPACE, MISS  
PURDY...**FROM URANUS!** UP TO RECENTLY,  
THEY WERE SMALL ENOUGH TO ESCAPE  
NOTICE BY YOU HUMANS...**BUT THEY  
EMIT A MAGNETIC RAY POWERFUL  
ENOUGH TO GUIDE  
OUR SPACESHIPS  
FROM URANUS  
TO THE EARTH!**

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# TREASURE CHEST OF FUN AND SURPRISES

## FUN! LAUGHS! TRICKS! GALORE!

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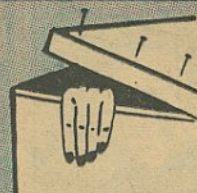
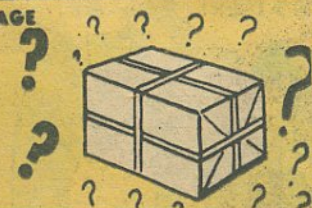
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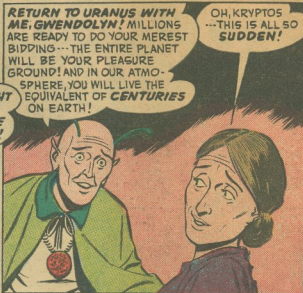
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SO ON **THIS VOYAGE**, YOU ACTUALLY BEAMED IN ON **MY LITTLE COLLECTION** OF TEKTTIES! IT---IT'S THRILLING! **NOTHING** LIKE THIS HAS EVER HAPPENED TO ME BEFORE!

NOTHING LIKE THIS HAS EVER HAPPENED TO **ME** EITHER, MISS PURDY--- **GWENDOLYN!** I'VE RANGED THE WHOLE UNIVERSE---I'VE MET BEINGS OF A HUNDRED DIFFERENT SHAPES AND COLORS---**BUT TONIGHT I AM BEHOLDING THE VERY IMAGE OF LOVELINESS!**



**RETURN TO URANUS WITH ME, GWENDOLYN!** MILLIONS ARE READY TO DO YOUR MEREST BIDDING---THE ENTIRE PLANET WILL BE YOUR PLEASURE GROUND! AND IN OUR ATMOSPHERE, YOU WILL LIVE THE EQUIVALENT OF **CENTURIES** ON EARTH!

OH, KRYPTOS---THIS IS ALL SO **SUDDEN!**



I... I'VE GOT TO HAVE TIME TO THINK ALL THIS OVER!

**GWENDOLYN, WAIT! I CAN'T BEAR TO SEE YOU LEAVE ME!**

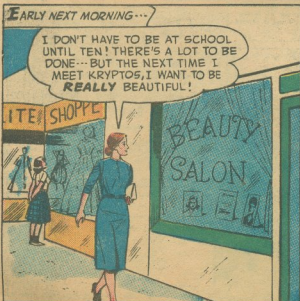


CAN IT BE THAT SHE LOVES ANOTHER---A MERE EARTH CREATURE? **FOLLOW HER---WATCH EVERYWHERE SHE GOES!**



**SOON AFTERWARD---**

I NEVER BELIEVED IT POSSIBLE---BUT I **HAVE** MET SOMEONE WHO THINKS I'M BEAUTIFUL! ALL THESE YEARS I'VE NEVER GIVEN THOUGHT TO **IMPROVING** MY APPEARANCE---BUT NOW I'VE GOT A **REASON** TO DO SOMETHING ABOUT MY LOOKS!



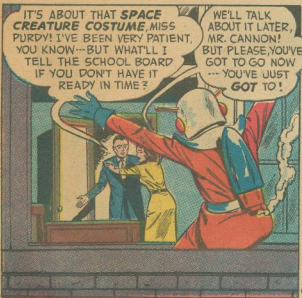
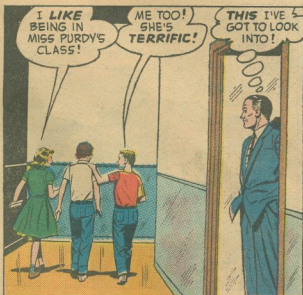
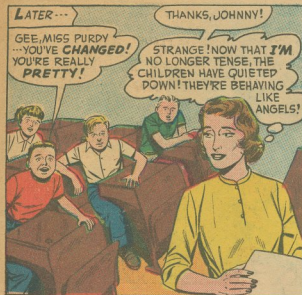
**EARLY NEXT MORNING---**

I DON'T HAVE TO BE AT SCHOOL UNTIL TEN! THERE'S A LOT TO BE DONE---BUT THE NEXT TIME I MEET KRYPTOS, I WANT TO BE **REALLY BEAUTIFUL!**

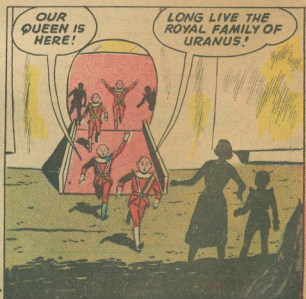


HEAVENS! IT---IT'S **MAGIC!**













HEAVENS... WHAT HAVE I GOTTEN INTO?

COME, MY BEAUTIFUL ONE... SOON WE SHALL LEAVE THE EARTH FAR BEHIND US!



I... I CAN'T GO, KRYPTOS! I DON'T WANT TO BE QUEEN OF A PLANET I NEVER EVEN SAW...

AAAAGH! YQU... YOU DIDN'T LOOK LIKE THIS, BEFORE!



HER FACE... IT'S CHANGED! SHE'S JUST LIKE THE REST OF THESE EARTH CREATURES... TERRIBLE-LOOKING... UGLY BEYOND WORDS!

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COME TO THINK OF IT, KRYPTOS... THERE IS SOMETHING YOU CAN GIVE ME!



MOMENTS AFTER...

GOOD HEAVENS... HE DIDN'T HAVE TO BE IN THAT MUCH OF A HURRY TO LEAVE!



SEVERAL DAYS LATER... IN THE WINGS OF THE SCHOOL AUDITORIUM...

GEE, MISS PURDY... THIS SPACE-CREATURE COSTUME IS GREAT! I'M EVEN GETTING MY PICTURE IN THE PAPERS!

YOU REALLY LOOK TERRIFIC, JOHNNY... IF I HAVE TO SAY SO MYSELF!



YOU'RE THE ONE WHO'S TERRIFIC, GWEN! I'D LIKE TO TAKE YOU DANCING TONIGHT, SO THAT I CAN SEE YOU DRESSED UP... REALLY TRICKED OUT... LIKE A QUEEN!

I... I'D LOVE TO, JIM! I'LL WEAR A PARTY DRESS I'VE NEVER PUT ON BEFORE, BUT BELIEVE ME... A PLAIN LITTLE HOMBODY LIKE ME WOULDN'T DARE DREAM OF LOOKING LIKE A QUEEN!

THE END!





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